## In the United States Court of Federal Claims

### **OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS**

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PATRICK T. HEESE,		
Petitioner,	)	
v.	) No. 05-089: ) Stipulation	3V
SECRETARY OF	) Supulation	
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,	)	
Respondent.	)	
	)	

#### DECISION DIRECTING ENTRY OF JUDGMENT<sup>1</sup>

On August 24, 2007, the parties filed a stipulation. The special master has reviewed thoroughly the stipulation. He adopts completely the stipulation. Therefore, in the absence of a motion for review filed under RCFC Appendix B, the clerk of court shall enter judgment based upon the stipulation in petitioner's favor. Under Vaccine Rule 11(a), the parties may expedite entry of judgment by filing a joint notice renouncing the right to seek review. Then, under Vaccine Rule 12(a), petitioner may expedite payment by filing an election to accept the judgment.

The clerk of court shall send petitioner's copy of this decision to petitioner by overnight express delivery.

John F. Edwards
Special Master

As provided by Vaccine Rule 18(b), each party has 14 days within which to request redaction "of any information furnished by that party (1) that is trade secret or commercial or financial information and is privileged or confidential, or (2) that are medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy." Vaccine Rule 18(b). Otherwise, "the entire decision" will be available to the public. *Id*.

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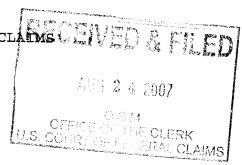
PATRICK T. HEESE,

Petitioner,

V.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.



No. 05-893V Special Master John F. Edwards

#### STIPULATION

The parties hereby stipulate to the following matters:

- Petitioner filed a petition for vaccine compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-10 to 34 (the "Vaccine Program"). The petition seeks compensation for injuries allegedly related to his receipt of the influenza vaccine, a vaccine contained in the Vaccine Injury Table (the "Table"). <u>See</u> 70 Fed. Reg. 19,092 (April 12, 2005).
- Petitioner received the immunization at issue in this matter on November 5, 2003.
  - The vaccine was administered within the United States.
- Petitioner alleges that he sustained Guillain-Barré syndrome ("GBS") caused in fact by his vaccination beginning on or about November 8, 2003.
- 5. Petitioner represents that there has been no prior award or settlement of a civil action for damages on his behalf as a result of his condition.

- 6. Respondent denies that petitioner's condition was caused by his immunization as alleged by petitioner.
- 7. Maintaining their above-stated positions, the parties nevertheless now agree that the issues between them shall be settled and that a decision should be entered awarding the compensation described in paragraph 8 of this Stipulation.
- 8. As soon as practicable after an entry of judgment reflecting a decision consistent with the terms of this Stipulation, and after petitioner has filed an election to receive compensation pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-21(a)(1), the Secretary of Health and Human Services will issue the following vaccine compensation payment:

A lump sum of \$30,000.00 in the form of a check payable to petitioner. This amount represents compensation for all damages that would be available under 42 U.S.C. §300aa-15(a).

- 9. As soon as practicable after the entry of judgment on entitlement in this case, and after petitioner has filed both a proper and timely election to receive compensation pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-21(a)(1), and an application, the parties will submit to further proceedings before the special master to award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in proceeding upon this petition.
- 10. Payments made pursuant to paragraph 8 and any amounts awarded pursuant to paragraph 9 of this Stipulation will be made in accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(i), subject to the

availability of sufficient statutory funds.

- and 9, petitioner, on behalf of himself and his heirs, executors, administrators, successors or assigns, does forever and fully expressly release, acquit and discharge the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the United States of America from any and all actions, causes of action, agreements, judgments, claims, damages, loss of services, expenses and all demands of whatever kind or nature on account of, or in any way growing out of, any and all known or unknown personal injuries to or death of petitioner resulting from, or alleged to have resulted from, the immunization administered on November 5, 2003, as alleged by petitioner in a petition for vaccine compensation filed on or about August 16, 2005, in the United States Court of Federal Claims as petition No. 05-893V.
- 12. If Petitioner should die prior to receiving the payment described in paragraph 8, this agreement shall be considered voidable upon proper notice to the Court on behalf of either or both of the parties.
- 13. If the special master fails to issue a decision in complete conformity with the terms of this Stipulation, or if the Court of Federal Claims fails to enter judgment in conformity with a decision that is in complete conformity with the terms of this Stipulation, then the parties' settlement and this

Stipulation shall be null and void at the sole discretion of either party.

- 14. This Stipulation expresses a full and complete settlement of liability and damages claimed under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, as amended, except as otherwise noted in paragraph 9 above. There is absolutely no agreement on the part of the parties hereto to make any payment or to do any act or thing other than is herein expressly stated and clearly agreed to.
- 15. All rights and obligations of petitioner hereunder shall apply equally to his successors and assigns.

END OF STIPULATION

Respectfully submitted,

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